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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-PROPOSED TRIP TO DISCUSS USER CHARGES AND
JET FUEL QUESTIONS

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1. IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION OF THE NAVAIDS USER CHARGE TABLE, EMBASSY COMMENCED TALKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOV AND SUCCEEDED IN A DECREASE BY 50 PERCENT ON THE AVERAGE. LATER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN A FURTHER LOWERING, SUPPORTED BY THE VENEZUELAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRLINES, WHICH COMPRISES NOT ONLY THE VENEZUELAN AIRLINES BUT ALSO ALL FOREIGN AIRLINES FLYING TO VENEZUELA, DID NOT RESULT IN ANY FURTHER LOWERING.

2. GOV FEELS THAT THERE ARE COUNTRIES WHICH CHARGE MUCH HIGHER RATES. WHEN TOLD THAT VENEZUELAN NAVAIDS ARE TO BE A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE DEFICIENT, GOV REPLIED THAT THE USER CHARGES BY DECREE CAN ONLY BE APPLIED TO MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF NAVAIDS AND WILL NOT GO INTO THE GENERAL TREASURY. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT A VISIT BY THE NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL LEAD TO LITTLE MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF OUR CONCERN WITH LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT GOV WILL LOWER THE CHARGES AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT.

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3. DUE TO CARNIVAL, IT IS LIKELY THAT GOV OFFICIALS WILL BE ABSENT DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 21, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME MIGHT RETURN FEBRUARY 23. THE FACT THAT CARNIVAL WAS TAKEN OFF THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAY LIST LAST YEAR RESULTED ONLY IN OFFICIALS TAKING ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK. IF THE TEAM DESIRES

TO COME TO VENEZUELA, WE SUGGEST TOTAL LENGTH OF STAY
TO BE THREE DAYS.
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